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Called of God,

Who believes in the Light of the

LAMBE,

To be read in their Assemblyes in the Pure Dread of the Lord.

DEare Children and people of the eternall God, who have known the working of his mighty power, and have been exercised in the operations of his Eternall Spirit, whereby he hath begotten your minds out of the world, in a great measure, and hath brought you into a feeling of his eternall presence, which filleth heaven and earth, wherein is the Joy unspeakable unto them that are reconciled to God by the Lord Jesus Christ, the Immortall Word: Friends, you unto me are exceeding precious, and my desires and breathings to the Lord for you, are exceeding strong, that ye may be preserved in the sence and feeling of the power of an endless life, and that you may be all kept in the true faith and obedience of the truth, which lives for ever; all minding to answer its requirings in every particular, and waiting to feele its springings arising in you, whereby you may feele it quickning you up to God, that so your faith, and trust, and confidence may only stand in him, who is able to deliver: For Friends this know, the Lord will assuredly try you to the uttermost, and you must come through the fire which will consume your enemies: Therefore dear Babes be stedfast in the Lord according as he hath made manifest himselfe unto you, and waite and watch in that measure of his life in you, which only is

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able to keep your minds and hearts out of the earth, and the things thereof, and as ye singly wait upon the Lord, you will feele the growth of that birth in you, which is not of this world, which can indure the fire; Oh my Friends waite to feele your growth and translation into this birth, which doth the will of the Father naturally, this is the seed unto which the promises are, this is the Elect which obtains, and cannot be deceived, this is the heir of the Kingdome without end; this will God Crowne with victory, when the measure of its sufferings is fulfilled; this seed must work through all it's enemies, and work them under it's feet; Oh waite in the eternall power to feel and witnesse it in the particular, and be patient till God bring forth his work outwardly; Look not out, neither be dismayed at the strange transactions of the times, but look to the Lord, who only can save by what means he pleaseth, and let the Lord alone to appeare as he pleaseth; only be you watchfull, that when he appeares, you may be ready for his appearance, and watch in the Light which will give you clearly to see his appearance, and what he requires of you; that so living obedience unto him may be yielded: Oh Friends, Take heed that the things of this world draw not away any of your hearts: Remember it is them that are redeemed from the earth, that must reigne in, and with the Lambe upon the earth: Take heed that your love stands not in any thing, or things that is of this world; for the tryall will be great unto such: Dear hearts, I know that some of you have suffered the losse of much for his name sake already; oh faint not, neither be weary for all your sufferings are knowne unto the Lord; and he will not alwayes so try you; but he will sufficiently recompence you, if ye abide to the end: Therefore watch unto prayer, and pray in the Spirit, as it moves you thereunto, that you may be kept through faith unto the end of the tryall, and that you may be prepared and made fit for the deliverance, which must come by an outstretched Arme; and when you are tryed deeply, either in prisons or otherwise, oh Friends murmure not, but feel the Lords strength to support you, that you may not bow to the enemy, in any wise, whose day is but short, and therefore he is wroth and rages; for such as bowes to any thing, but the Name of our King, verily their torment and perplexity will be exceeding miserable, when the Lord

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ſhall deliver his choſen, who kept their integrity, and loved not their eſtates, nor lives, but gave up all for his name ſake: Therefore deare Friends hearken you to the voyce of the Lord, and keep you to the leadings of his eternall Spirit, and let his Dread fill your hearts.

And you that feele but little ſufferings and tryalls, take heed of a wrong ſecurity, and of a falſe eaſe and liberty, leaſt the day of the Lord come upon you at unawares, and a violent ſtorme unlookt for; and you that are in deep ſufferings and tryalls, be not you caſt down, but know that the tryall of your faith is exceeding precious, and if you keep your minds ſtayed upon the Lord, then will you learne much in ſuch a time, and you will feele the preſence of God, and the virtue of his power, inwardly refreſhing you, and you will feele the power of his Majeſty giving you Authority ſutable to the condition you are in: So as all Friends are kept in that which gives you the ſence and feeling of your conditions, that principle of life will work your minds and hearts into contentednesſe with the will of God, which is your ſanctification; So let the bond of peace be minded in all things, for it is comely amongſt Brethren.

And now the God of Life and endleſs virtue and power watch over you, and miniſter unto every one of you, that which is ſutable to your preſent conditions, and the Lord God Almighty preſerve and keep you low, humble, meek, tender, innocent, upright, faithfull and valiant, (out of the ſnares of the enemy) and give you peace in all your tryalls; and let the patience of his Lamb be increaſed in you, that you may ſtand unmoveable upon the Rock of ages, and retaine the Life which quickens in your underſtandings: And the Lord God open and keepe open your diſcernings, that by no meanes the ſubtlety may beguile the ſimplicity in this the day of tryall: Eternal Father unto thee I commend all thy flock, that thou Father may fil them with wiſdom, ſtrength and courage, that to thy glory they may be preſerved in their ſeverall places and meaſures; to whom be dominion and glory everlaſting for thy endleſs riches, for thou Lord art worthy to reigne over all; Even ſo come Lord God and take thy Kingdome.

I the priſoner for the Lord ſalutes all you, who loves the appearance of Chriſt, in that love which abides for ever.

Lambeth houſe the 14th of the 5th month, 1660.

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SUrely it was thee O Lord, that gave bounds unto the Sea, that the floods thereof could not overwhelme thy choſen, thou canſt let forth the winds and ſuffer a ſtorme, and thou canſt make a calm when thou pleaſeſt, have thou the glory of all, Thou King of Saints, thou Saviour of Iſrael, thou canſt doe whatſoever thou pleaſeſt; therefore will we truſt in thy name, neither will we feare what man can doe unto us, becauſe thou wilt not forſake us, but thou wilt plead our cauſe in the ſight of our adverſaries, and they ſhall know that thou art our God, who art able to ſave to the uttermoſt; ô Lord our righteouſneſſe, we will praiſe thy name, for thy mercies indure for ever; our eyes O God are unto thee, for we have no other helper; our faith ô Lord ſtandeth in thee, who canſt not forget thy people; Thou haſt revealed and brought up *Jacob*, who wreſtleth with thee, and prevailes as a Prince, therefore muſt the bleſſing come; ô Lord the Birth, the Birth cryeth unto thee, thine own Elect, which long hath been oppreſſed; thou canſt not deny thy ſelfe, therefore have we faith and hope which maketh not aſhamed, Oh Lord how unſearchable are thy wayes; Thou haſt even amazed thy people, with the depth of thy wiſdome, thou only wilt have the glory of their deliverance; and therefore haſt thou ſuffered theſe things to come to paſſe: ô Lord thou art righteous in all thy judgements, onely preſerve thy people (which thou haſt gathered and wilt gather unto thy ſelfe) in the day of tryall, that ſo they may ſing of thy Power, and magnifie thy name in the Land of the Living.

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